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JUAN DOMINGO PERON

Argentina issued a stamp on October 7, 1995, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of this Argentine politician.



Born Oct. 8, 1895, in the province of Buenos Aires, Juan Domingo Peron entered military school in 1911 and rose to captain in 1924. He had a minor part in the revolution of 1930 which overthrew Hipolito Irigoyen. In 1938-39 he served as an observer with the Italian Army. Another coup d'etat in June 1943 which overthrew Ramon Castillo included Bro. Peron as a Colonel in the army clique which engineered the coup. By 1945 he had expanded his power and was ousted from his positions by a coup of the liberals. Following a brief imprisonment and encouragement from Eva Duarte, his first wife, he led a campaign which saw him elected President in Feb. 1946 by a plurality of 250,000 votes out of a total of about 5 million. His presidency featured nationalism, industrialization, statism, encouragement of ant-US feeling and favoring of the proletariat. He almost eliminated constitutional liberties such as the free press. He was re-elected in 1953 by a slightly larger margin and modified many of his policies. He was overthrown by an army-navy revolt in September 1955; he fled to Paraguay and then Spain. He tried to return to Argentina in 1964 but his plane was turned back at Rio de Janeiro and he returned to Spain. The "Peronistas" started to win some elections in 1973 and he was able to return to his homeland but his remaining political life was short and ineffective. His second wife, Maria Estela de Peron succeeded him in the Presidency in 1974 and she, in turn, was overthrown in March of 1976.

Generally, the Masons of Argentina state that Peron was never initiated into the Craft - at least he was never initiated in his country. But, a new investigation has proven the contrary. Research journalists found a special letter in his papers which were under the custody of Mario Rontundo. The journalists of the magazine *Noticias* found a letter within others which were not classified and were tied with cords. That letter was from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Italy, Cayetano Teranto, and the text, directed to Peron, at that time exiled to Santo Domingo, confirmed his honorary nomination for the 33 degree of the Scottish Rite. This Supreme Council, considered irregular within Italy, was composed of a small group of Masons that separated from the Grand Lodge of Italy in 1908. This information was published in an article "Peron and Freemasonry" by Bro. Ernesto Diaz Sigler.

-article contributed by Bro. Juan Sabater Pic, member from Barcelona, Spain.

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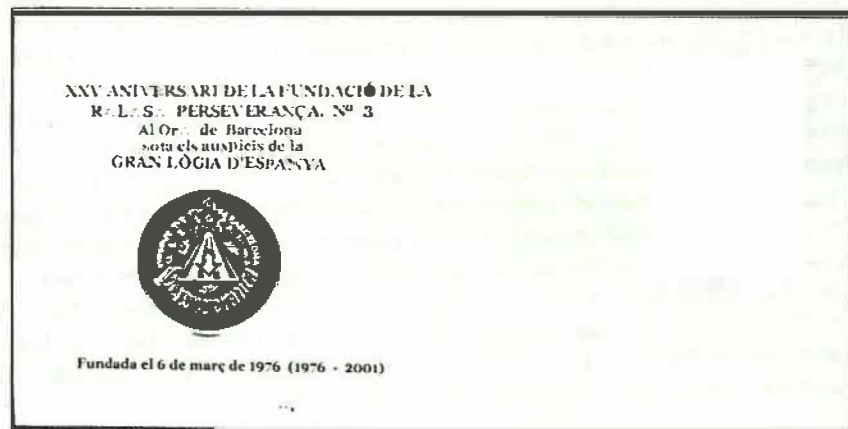
CLOSED ALBUMS:

88. David W. Power, late of Danvers, MA

404. Erwin C. Spettel, late of Cincinnati, OH

It is saddening to see some long-standing relationships ended here. "Mo" Nafzinger has been a staunch supporter of Masonic Philately for many decades - especially with his association with the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. Dave Power was a good friend who called and visited from time to time. Hopefully there will be new members to fill those large shoes.

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie writes that as he celebrates his 58th birthday, he learned that he is to become a grandfather. He also presided at the 25th anniversary of his Mother Lodge, Perseverance No. 3, the first Lodge to be formed in Spain following the dictatorship of General Franco. A cover he prepared for the event is shown below. He also informed me that the third language on his Grand Junior Warden certificate, which I thought was Basque, was actually Catalan, the language of his nation.



Bro. Dick Potter's Lodge, Putnam Lodge No. 46 of Putnam, CT, is celebrating their Bicentennial this year. This is always a wonderful event.

Bro. Edsel Hatfield called one evening with the news that Bro. Theodore Roosevelt was being awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. This makes a second father-son team to receive this prestigious award, and all four were Masons: Theodore and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. and Arthur and Douglas MacArthur.

EDITORIAL

It has been some time since I took pen in hand for a true editorial but there has been a sequence of events in the hobby which lends itself to a few words. Bro. Norman Lincoln, our President, has already given me his views on the subject and they coincide very closely with mine. The issue centers around an article written for *The Masonic Philatelist* by Bro. Christopher L. Murphy, the President of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and a member of our Unit. Titled "Masonic Philately, The Crossroads", it is sub-titled "Important Message on Club Direction". In this article, Bro. Murphy describes a classification system he is devising for identification of stamps and Masons as part of his effort to publish a Masonic Stamp Album for U.S. and Canadian stamps which will be known as the OFFICIAL STAMP ALBUM OF THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK. He also comments on a handbook which he and Bro. Allan Boudreau are preparing for publication by the ATA.

One of the main features which attracted me to the field of Masonic Philately back in the early 1960s was that there was no established arena, it was not a restricted topical. There were unlimited facets to the collecting areas and the bounds were only established by the research an individual wanted to conduct, his personal desires or financial constraints. Sure, there were several handbooks and booklets and a couple of albums in existence but they were intended to be guides and, in some instances, they contradicted each other. As I have told many collectors, there is no single list of Masons on stamps. Whether or not an individual pictured on a stamp can be considered a Mason cannot be defined explicitly in many situations. The secrecy with which the Fraternity was shrouded in the 1800s has precluded many facts from being widely known or published. The conflagrations experienced over the years have laid waste and destroyed many valuable records. New facts are being uncovered and suspicions and rumors are being confirmed through research.

How can anyone purport to define and publish an album which contains the "official list"? I seriously believe that such a release will have an effect totally counter to that desired. Once borders and constraints are placed on a segment of a hobby, that segment will no longer have appeal because it will be "cut and dried". Being able to design one's own album has been a drawing card of Masonic Philately. Do I collect only the pure Masonic stamps? Do I collect only those Masons pictured on stamps? Do I extend my collection to include designs which can be associated with the lives of Freemasons? Do I include Masonic symbols on stamps? Do I expand to include covers? If so, FDCs only or Special events also? What about Masonic Corner Cards, Lodge Meeting postal cards, Masonic Insurance cards? Should I collect Masonic fancy cancels? All of these choices are what make our hobby a vital, active, interesting avocation. We cannot consider ourselves constrained to a certain, pre-defined selection of stamps. What happens if new research provides a new case? Will the album be revised?

Bro. Chris Murphy has published several valuable works which have contributed to the knowledge base of our hobby - his early album on Masons on Stamps, his booklet on Brothers of the Bat, his loose leaf notebook series providing information on many Masons of the US and Canada. Those offerings are what our hobby needs - offerings of data so we as collectors can pick and choose to adapt to our own desires. Obviously, that is what I try to do in the editing of this Newsletter. Our counterparts in Great Britain are a bit more restricted in their interpretations but they still offer all the information available so a collector can "decide for himself". I have seen instances where doubts, lack of information or suppositions have triggered original research that has benefited our hobby and the knowledge base of Freemasonry.

Finally, I am somewhat surprised that the ATA is entertaining the generation of another Handbook on Masonic Philately - by an organization other than the one that is within their fold.

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CHECKLIST OF MASONIC ACTORS

Bro. Norman Lincoln has provided a checklist which could be used for developing a collection of Masonic actors on stamps. The list includes the names, dates of birth and death, Lodge name and number and Scott stamp number for all known entries. It includes only working actors, not producers or directors unless those individuals had been actors also. It does not include individuals who were guest stars such as Arnold Palmer or Ty Cobb, they were noted for their own fields. It does not include artists/cartoonists (Harold Gray, et al). It does not include writers whose novels were made into films (Scott, Doyle, Twain, et al.). It does not include composers who wrote for film or whose lives were filmed (Sullivan, Kern, Mozart, Liszt, et al). Irving Berlin is included because of his appearance as a performer in "This Is The Army?". Some are better known for other fields but they did make more than one film (Acuff, Arnold, Houdini, et al). Additions and corrections are solicited.

1. William "Bud" Abbott (1895-1974) Daylight #525, MI. USA 2566, Gambia 1348d.
2. Roy Acuff (1903-92) East Nashville #560, TN. St. Vincent 1976a, f, l.
3. Richard Arlen (1899-1976) Utopia #537, CA. Fujeira ??
4. Eddie Arnold (1918 -) East Nashville #560, TN. Antigua 1831f
5. Max Asher (1879- ?) Mount Olive #586, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
6. Gene Autry (1907-98) Catoosa #185, OK. Antigua 1831b, Guyana 3075, Maldives ?
7. Eddie Baker (1897-1968) Cahuenga #513, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
8. "Count" Basie (1904-89) Wisdom #182, IL. USA 3096, Mali 624
9. Wallace Beery (1885-1949) Blaney #271, IL. Gambia 1348a, Mali 723d, Sierra Leone 1610a
10. Irving Berlin (1888-1989) Munn #190, NY. Gambia 2052
11. Billie Bevan (1887-1957) 233 Club, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
12. Mel Blanc (1908-89) Mid Day #188, OR. USA 3137 ("Bugs Bunny")
13. Joe E. Brown (1892-1973) Rubicin #237, OH. Gambia 1348c, Grenada 2087
14. Cantiflas (1911-93) Mexican Lodge. Mexico 1818
15. Eddie Cantor (1892-1964) Munn #190, NY. Grenada 2552
16. Glen Cavender (1887-1962) Mount Olive #586, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
17. George M. Cohan (1878-1942) Pacific #233, CA USA 1756
18. Nat "King" Cole (1916-65) Thomas Waller #49, CA. USA 2852, Gambia 1797, Grenada 2156g, Mali 793i, Uganda 1418, Zaire ??
19. Chester Conklin (1888-1971) University #394, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
20. Harry Corbett (1918-89) Chevin #6848, UK. Great Britain Puppeteer issue
21. Donald Crisp (1880-1974) Harry S. Orme #458, CA. Tonga 1699
22. Cecil B. DeMille (1881-1959) Prince of Orange #16, NY. Guyana 2678c, Mali 724e, Sierre Leone 1868
23. Richard Dix (1894-1949) Harry S. Orme #458, CA. Guyana 2536
24. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. (1883-1939) Beverly Hills #528, CA. USA 2088
25. W. C. Fields (1879-1946) E. C. Mitchell #605, PA. USA 1803
26. Clark Gable (1901-60) Beverly Hills #528, CA. USA 2446, Grenada Grenadines 1778d, Sierre Leone 1866d

27. John Gilbert (1895-1935) Lodge unknown. USA 2823
28. David W. Griffith (1874-1948) St. Cecile #568, NY. USA 1555, Grenada Grenadines 1780
29. Oliver Hardy (1892-1957) Solomon #20, FL. USA 2562, Chad ??, Ghana ??, Romania
30. William S. Hart (1862-1946) Lodge unknown. Mali 723b, Maldives ??
31. DeWolf Hopper (1858-1935) Pacific #233, CA. Gambia 1441-3, USA (Casey at Bat)
32. Harry Houdini (1874-1926) St. Cecile #568, NY. Chad ??
33. Burl Ives (1909-95) Magnolia #242, CA. Guyana 3078
34. Al Jolson (1885-1950) St. Cecile #568, NY. USA 2849
35. Buck Jones (188-1950) Harry S. Orme #458, CA. Maldives ??
36. Fred Kelsey (1884-1961) Mount Olive #586, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
37. Harold Lloyd (1893-1971) Alexander Hamilton #535, CA. USA 2825, Grenada ??
38. Hank Mann (1877-1971) Mount Olive #586, CA. USA 2826 (Keystone Kop)
39. Tom Mix (1880-1940) Utopia #537, CA. Mali 723c, Maldives ??
40. Audie Murphy (1924-71) North Hollywood #542, CA. USA 3396, Guyana 2697, 3139c, Sierra Leone 1409.
41. Richard Pryor (1940-) Henry Brown #22, IL. Gambia 1348h
42. Chips Rafferty (1907-71) Literature #500, NSW. Australia 1143
43. Roy Rene (1892-1954) Thespian #256, NSW. Australia 1142
44. Michael Richards (1949-) Riviera #780, CA. USA (Seinfeld)
45. Paul Robeson (1898-1976) "at sight". Guyana 2678g
46. Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933) John L. Spinks #507, MS. USA 1755
47. Roy Rogers (1912-98) Hollywood #355, CA. Guinea ??, Maldives ??
48. Will Rogers (1879-1935) Claremore #55, OK. USA 975, 1801
49. Peter Sellers (1925-80) Chelsea #3098, E.C. Great Britain 1119
50. "Red" Skelton (1910-97) Vincennes #1, IN. Grenada Grenadines 1843, Guyana 3077
51. Leo Slezak (1873-1940) Lodge unknown. Austria 947
52. John Wayne (1907-79) Marion McDaniel #56, AZ. US 2448, Grenada 2470g, Guinea ??, Hungary 3449, Maldives 1826, Mali 723f, 910a, Sierra Leone 1418
53. Ed Wynn (1886-1966) Philadelphia #9, P.A. Grenada ??

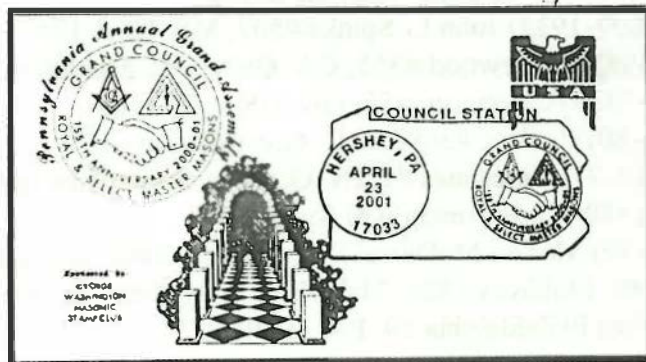
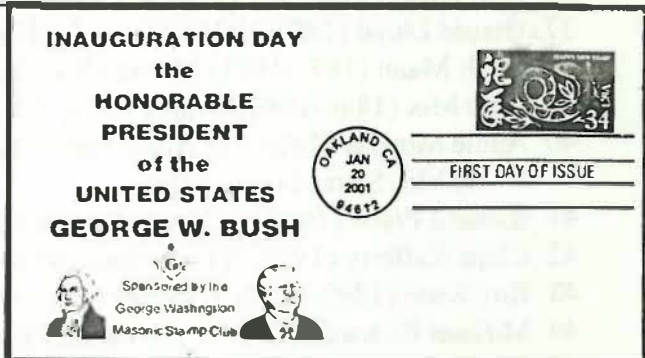
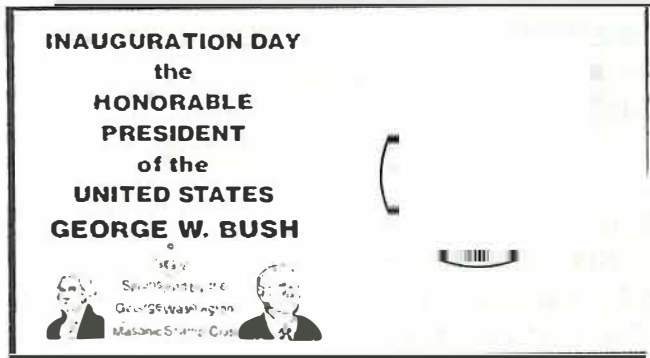
(Editor's note: I have also heard that Desi Arnez was a Mason as well as Capt. Picard and most of the Star Trek males. Any substantiation?)

EDMUND BARTON

Bro. Eddie Levey, member 479 of Victoria, Australia, informs us of a new Australian stamp issued on January 1, 2001, on the celebration of the Centenary of Federation which depicts the first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton. He was initiated in the "Australian Lodge of Harmony" No. 55, English Constitution, on March 3, 1878. When the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was established, the Lodge became "Australian Lodge of Harmony" No. 5, NSW Constitution. He was invested as Senior Deacon on June 9, 1880 but did not seek Masonic progress because of the demands made on him as a lawyer and statesman.

GWMSC COVERS

The response to their Inauguration cover was so overwhelming that the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club had to develop and process another batch - these have a different cachet as shown here. They also used that cachet for a First Day Cover for the Year of the Snake stamp released in Oakland, CA, the same day. On April 23, the Club issued a cacheted cover for the 155th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Grand Council R&SM on the occasion of their Annual Grand Assembly. The Club also sponsored a special cancel for this event which was used on their covers. Each of these covers is available for a cost of \$2.00 each plus a #10 SASE (per order) from Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.



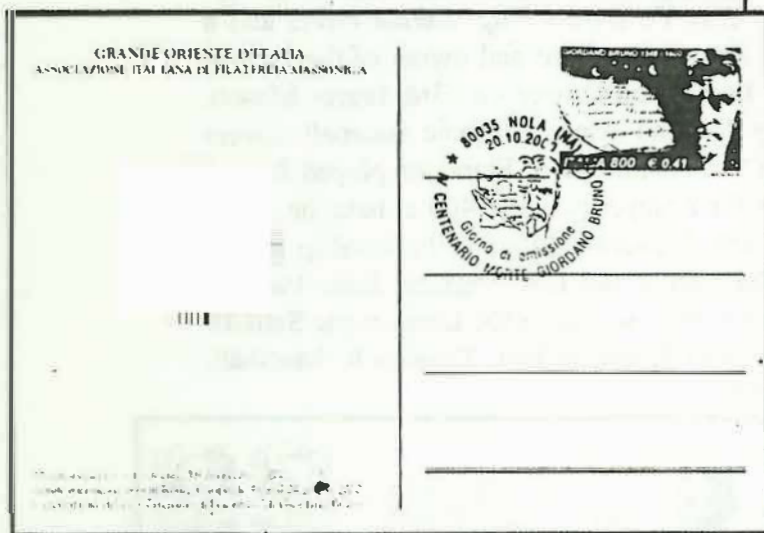
KING EVIL-MERODACH

Linns reported that the Central African Republic issued a stamp in 1999 for King Evil-Merodach. Evil Merodach is a character in the Super Excellent Master Degree in the Council of Royal and Select Masons. He was the son of Nebuchadnezzar and succeeded his father as King of Babylon from 561-560 B.C. He is mentioned in the Old Testament of the Bible (II Kings XXV, verse 27) where he took Jehoiachin out of prison after 37 years of captivity. Evil Merodach (aka Awel-Marduk) was put to death by Neriglissar (aka Nergalsharezar) his brother.

- information provided by Bro. Norman Lincoln who adds "I am not advocating scanning every degree of the Scottish Rite and Appendent Bodies, but if you collect York Rite characters in Masonry, you might want to include this stamp."

AUSTRIAN COVERS and ITALIAN SEALS

Bro. Dr. Herbert Schmid-Korlath, Hackenberggasse 29/33/3, A-1190 Wien, Austria has provided copies of two covers and two sets of Italian seals to all members of his Phila Massonica Club. Contact him for details.



WAS BOB WHITE A MASON?


Bro. G. J. Coldron, a member of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain has asked for help in identifying if Bob White, an avid railroader from Grand Haven, Michigan, is a Mason. Bro. Coldron has procured a post card showing Bob White in the process of copying a railroad postcard; it was autographed on the back side in 1956. Bro. Coldron has determined that there is a Lodge in Grand Haven, Michigan, but has not been able to proceed any further. Can any of our members help? If so, please contact your editor or Bro. Coldron directly at 47 Manor House Park, Codsall, Staffordshire WV8 1ES England.




AUTOGRAPHED MASONIC CACHETED COVERS

Bro. Peter J. Westbere, member 419 of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, has been very successful in obtaining autographs of noted Masons on covers which can be related to them. A few of his examples are shown here: Bro. William Clay Ford on a Pop Warner cover and a Henry Ford cover - Bro. Ford is a grandson of Bro. Henry Ford and owner of the Detroit Lions football team. Bro. Alex C. Spanos on a Pop Warner cover - a 33rd degree Mason, he is the owner of the San Diego Chargers football team. Masonic baseball covers autographed by Bro. Tito Francona and Bro. Carl Erskine. Bro. Francona played for the Cleveland Indians holding a record of most hits for a player in under 400 at bats; he was a member of Union Lodge #259, Pennsylvania. Bro. Erskine belongs to Fellowship Lodge #681 in Indiana. He played for the Dodgers (Brooklyn and Los Angeles) from 1948 to 1959. Finally, Bro. Birch Bayh, a York Rite Mason who served as the Democratic Senator for Indiana from 1962 to 1981, on an Indiana cover featuring Bro. Thomas R. Marshall, Governor of Indiana and Vice President of the US.


Glenn S. (Pop) Warner



1871-1954
Coached JIM THORPE at Carlisle and became his mentor. Received degree in Springfield, N.Y. where he was born.



Jim Thorpe



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William Clay Ford

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OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



Henry Ford
1863-1947
HUMANITARIAN-INDUSTRIALIST
FOUNDER OF GREENFIELD VILLAGE
12c Prominent American Series

GREENFIELD VILLAGE, IN
JUL 3 1968

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William Clay Ford



#6

Glenn Scooby "Pop" Warner
1871-1954

Famous football coach, he originated three-point stance, screen pass, spiral punt, wingback formation, unbalanced line, shifting defense, rolling, body block, blocking dummy, numbers on jerseys, thigh & shoulder pads. Coached at Georgia Cornell, Carlisle Indian School, Pitt, Stanford, Temple. Member of Springfield Lodge No. 351 Springfield, N.Y. A.A.S.R. & Knight Templar, Court of George Washington Masonic Stamp Club.



Alex C. Spanos

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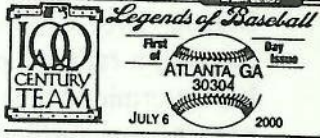
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All-Century Hall of Fame Baseball Team

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Ty Cobb	HOF 1936
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Tito Francona



100 CENTURY TEAM
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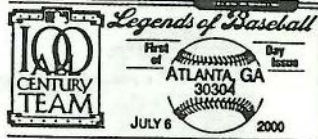
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"What this Country needs is a good 5c cigar"



BROTHER THOMAS R. MARSHALL
28th VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
1893-1921

GOVERNOR OF INDIANA
1907-1913

RAISED IN LODGE #189
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 5th 1881

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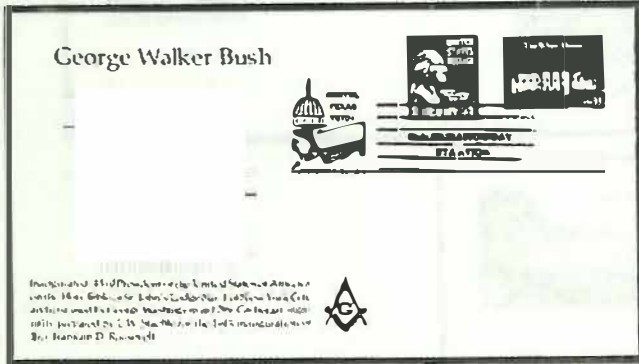
The world of Masonry and the World of Chess would not seem to have many connections. Yet there was a chess master who was also a Mason as well as a composer of opera comique. Francois-Andre Danigan Philidor was born in Dreux, France, September 7, 1726, to a keeper of the King's music. He showed an early gift for composition with a motet at the age of 11. He also took up chess and excelled at blindfolded games. Although his setting of Congreve's "Ode to Music" was praised by Handel, he was earning more as a chess master than as a composer. His book on chess, "L'analyze des echecs 1748" explained moves in a popular manner. His opera "Tom Jones" 1764 was called the finest comic opera to date. "Emelinda, Princess of Norway" 1767 so pleased King Louis XV that he gave Philidor a pension. He continued to write operas and to play chess until the French Revolution forced him to flee. He died in London August 24, 1795 and is buried in St. James Chapel, Piccadilly.

Bro. Philidor became a member of Loge L'Olympique de la Parfait Estime in 1786. He is pictured on a Guinee Bissau stamp, Scott 734, issued in 1988 and on a Cambodian stamp released in 1994.

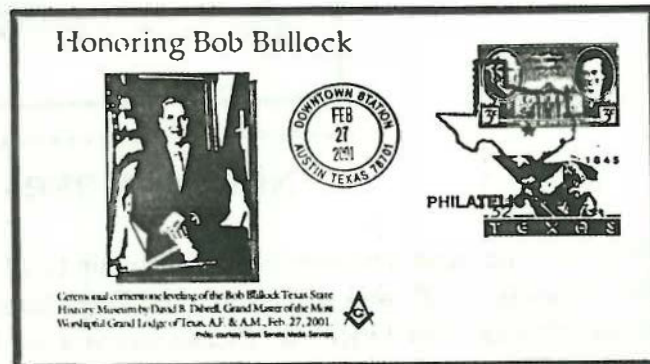
- article submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln.

MASONIC COVERS PRODUCED BY BRO. DOUGHERTY

Bro. Jim Dougherty has produced three more Masonic Cacheted Covers. A pair of George Bush Inaugurals are based on the 1945 Stachle design. One carries the Austin, TX, "Inaugural Day Station" cancellation while the second has the Washington, DC cancellation. He has a limited supply of the pair available for \$15.00. Bro. Dougherty can be reached at P.O. Box 1192, Austin, TX 78767-1192.

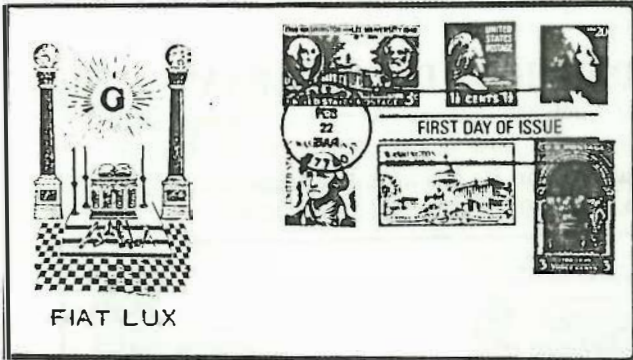
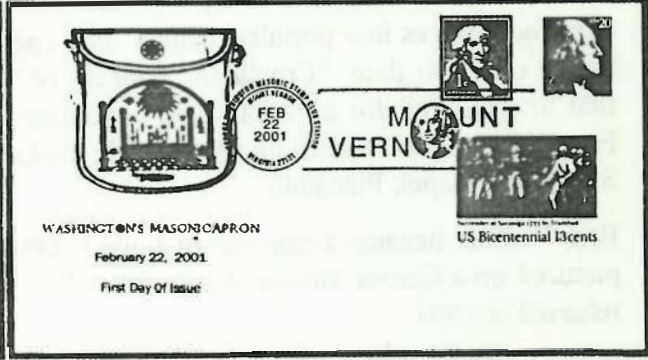
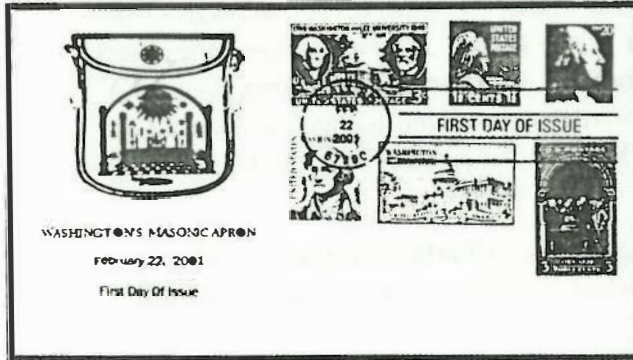


The third cachet is for the cornerstone ceremony performed by the Grand Lodge of Texas for the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. The late Lt. Gov. and Bro. Bullock was a 33rd degree member of the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies. Less than 10 copies remain of this cover at a cost of \$10.00 each. These prices are postpaid within the US; international orders should add \$3 postage.



MORE COVERS FROM BRO. MEKENIAN

Bro. Dick Mekenian, 711 5th Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762-1225, has prepared 15 sets of the covers shown here to add the GWMSC Mount Vernon February 22, 2001, cancel to covers previously serviced. This interesting set of duals is available at a cost of \$20.00 and the proceeds go to the Children's Learning Centers founded by the Scottish Rite Masons.



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Brethren, we need new members to maintain this Unit. Each year a certain number are lost to inactivity, death and suspension. To keep the club at an active level, we must replace those plus an annual increase. Please mention the Unit to fellow Masons and collectors. I believe we provide an informative Newsletter - our goal should be to spread the hobby. Also, don't forget to pay your dues so you don't become a statistic. Thank you.

PAGES FROM SCOTLAND

Bro. "Willie" Lightbody, member 493 of Motherwell, Strathclyde, Scotland, leads a very full Masonic life belonging to many Masonic organizations and participating very actively in each of them. He also manages to maintain a Masonic Stamp Collection and displays it often. He has provided us with illustrations of some of his pages dealing with symbols for our viewing enjoyment. I have reduced their size from the full 8 1/2 X 11 so that we can view more than one or two. Thank you for sharing your collection, Bro. "Willie".

THE PENCIL

Small is the Pencil, but how great its power
When the skil'd Artist guides it for some
Plan Design'd to benefit His Fellow-man!
The gift of Genius is a glorious dower,
When well applied, 'Tis given that we may bless
Ourselves and others. Let us use it well.
If we possess it, When the Funer'ial bell
Tells of our Souls' departure, it will less
Concern us that great Mental Gifts were ours,
Than that we Used them Well, however Small.
For there is Work to do for one and all.
At our own doors, if we will use our powers,
Where much is given, there most will be required,
But all must be by Holiness inspired.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic note have been identified in the philatelic media.

1999 Central African Republic - Astronauts & Cosmonauts, nine se-tenant stamps which include Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.

July 20, 2000 Anguilla - Prince William's 18th Birthday, four values plus a S/S. Prince Philip is pictured on the 30 cent value.

Nov. 6, 2000 Philippines - APO Philatelic Society, four stamps which include Juan Luna and Jose Rizal.

Nov. 12, 2000 Burkina Faso - Public Railways 175th Anniversary, S/S with two stamps. Robert Stephenson is pictured.

Dec. 1, 2000 Cuba - Alexander Von Humboldt's Visit to Cuba and America, 200th Anniversary, 2 values.

Jan. 27, 2001 Italy - Italian Opera, four se-tenant stamps which include Gaspare Luigi Pacifico Spontini.

Jan. 31, 2001 Cape Verde - New Millennium, one value the design of which includes an hourglass.

Feb. 6, 2001 Philippines - Presidents, two se-tenant stamps which include Manuel Roxas.

July 3, 2001 Philippines - Presidents, 10 se-tenant stamps, including Manuel Roxas.

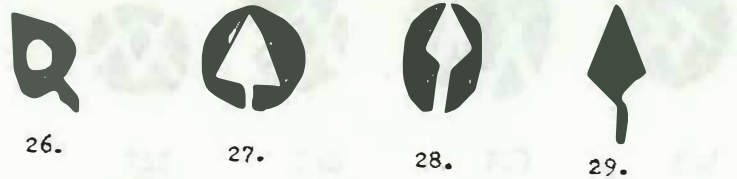
March 14, 2001 Czechoslovakia - Czechs for Europe, one value which pictures John Amos Comenius.

UPCOMING BASEBALL STADIUMS

Bro. Norman Lincoln supplements a previous article on the Masonic ties for Ebbets Field with the following information. Of the eight stadiums, Forbes, Shibe and Fenway have no connection to Masonry. Some of the Chicago Masons claim Wrigley was a Brother but offer no evidence. Likewise, there is no evidence for Charles Cominsky. Powel Crosley, Jr. has been previously documented. Charles H. Ebbets was born Oct. 29, 1859, in New York and died April 18, 1925. He was owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers and President of the National League from 1893 to 1925. He was a member of Greenwood Lodge No. 569, New York. He built Ebbets Field which was torn down after the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles.



Masonic Cancellations 'Off Cover'



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	Scott's Number	Cancellation Color			
1.	65	Black	20.	206, 210	Black
2.	183	Purple	21.	215	Black
3.	184	Black	22.	65	Black
4.	252	Black	23.	93	Blue
5.	65	Black	24.	158	Black
6.	73	Black	25.	184	Black
7.	73	Red	26.	Canada #35	Black
8.	73	Red	27.	65	Black
9.	73 (65)	Blue	28.	114	Blue
10.	73	Black	29.	183	Black
11.	112	Black	30.	213	Black
12.	113	Black	31.	158	Black
13.	184	Purple	32.	210	Black
14.	184	Black	33.	210	Black
15.	184	Black	34.	158	Black
16.	184	Blue	35.	158	Black
17.	184	Black	36.	65	Black
18.	189	Black	37.	184	Blue
19.	189	Purple	38.	207	Black
			39.	057	Black
				158	Blue

Canadian Masonic Cancellations

Canadian Masonic Cancellations have long intrigued the interest of cancellation collectors but, due to their scarcity very few of us have had a chance to add them to our collections, and when we did it was at a very high price.

This particular study started with Jarrett's catalogue, where four sources of Canadian Masonics were listed. These were Toronto, Beachville, Simcoe and Woodstock, Through the courtesy of Bro. Milton Greenbaum of Saginaw, Michigan, we have the photos of three covers from his collection. One of these covers indicates a different post office than those mentioned before, Brockville, and it is quite distinctive.

In the course of this research, I obtained a postal card from Embro, Ont., with the illustrated cancellation (6) showing, and I also discovered the existence of a cover from Blythe, Ont., but have not as yet obtained a tracing for the record.

With reference to the postmasters at the various towns, we have accumulated the following information. The Hon. G. Alexander was postmaster and William Hargrave was deputy postmaster at Woodstock at the time of the cover usage there, but to date we cannot be sure that either was a member of the Fraternity. Similarly, while H. Mulkins was postmaster at Simcoe, we cannot be sure that he was a Mason either.

Record shows that Charles Mason was postmaster at Beachville. According to his grandson, R. S. Mason of Port Dover, he was not a member of the Fraternity but used the insignia to identify and advertise his surname. A further point of interest is that he apparently became an itinerant member of the postal staff. Jarrett and the Post Office Department list him as Beachville postmaster from 1875. Brockville, Beachville, Embro and a couple of other cancellations observed on off-cover stamps are so similar that we think they could have been the work of this man.

It is possible that as Beachville was a collecting center for many small towns, Mason in checking the mail may have found some stamps uncanceled and so did his own obliteration, even though the envelope bore the town cancellation. We have found the same cancellation on some U. S. stamps of the period, possibly a receiving cancellation, as even some of the Canadian usages may well have been.

The Newfoundland cancellation apparently was made with a signet of some kind. The fancy script initials S. D. H. (or K.) can be identified as well as the square and compasses. This was my first Canadian cancellation, and tracing (3) was from my second, both obtained many years ago.

The Canadian Post Office Department at Ottawa has very obligingly cooperated with us. Furnishing information regarding the postmasters of various towns during the specified period of cancellation usage.

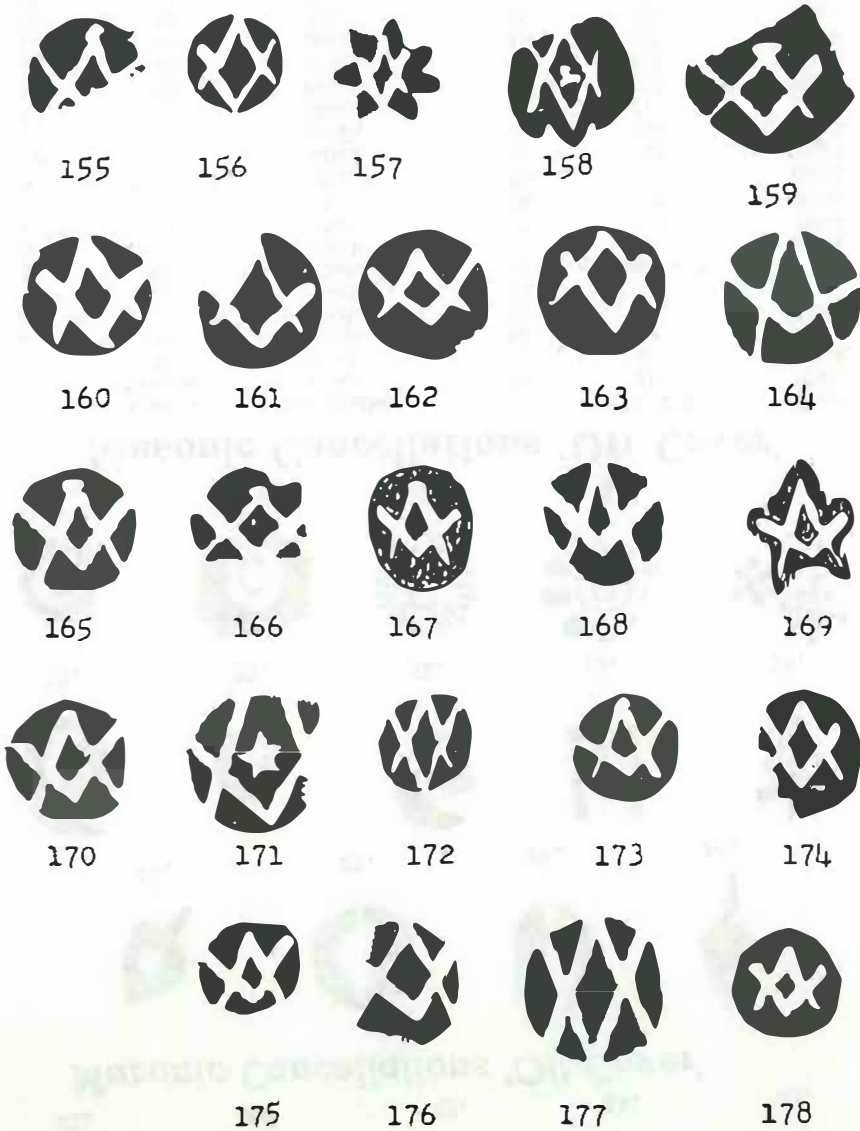
The data which we have assembled is as follows. All towns are in Ontario Province.

Of these cancels which are illustrated here, the Waterloo and Kingston tracing are most interesting. The Waterloo Knights Templar Cross, with the crown and cross in negative, also has the I-H-S-V initials, as is usual with the English Knights Templar, depicting of the "In Hoc Signo Vinces" motto.

Kingston was a very active Masonic area in the early 1870's. The Royal Arch Chapter there bears the number 2. The first Scottish Rite Valley in upper Canada also was located there. The import of the cancellations seems to indicate a desire to represent the insignia of these two bodies.

The Blythe cancel (#4) is one of the three reported to exist. I have not received the tracing for the other ones for comparison and this is not too distinct. This cancel was received in the April and

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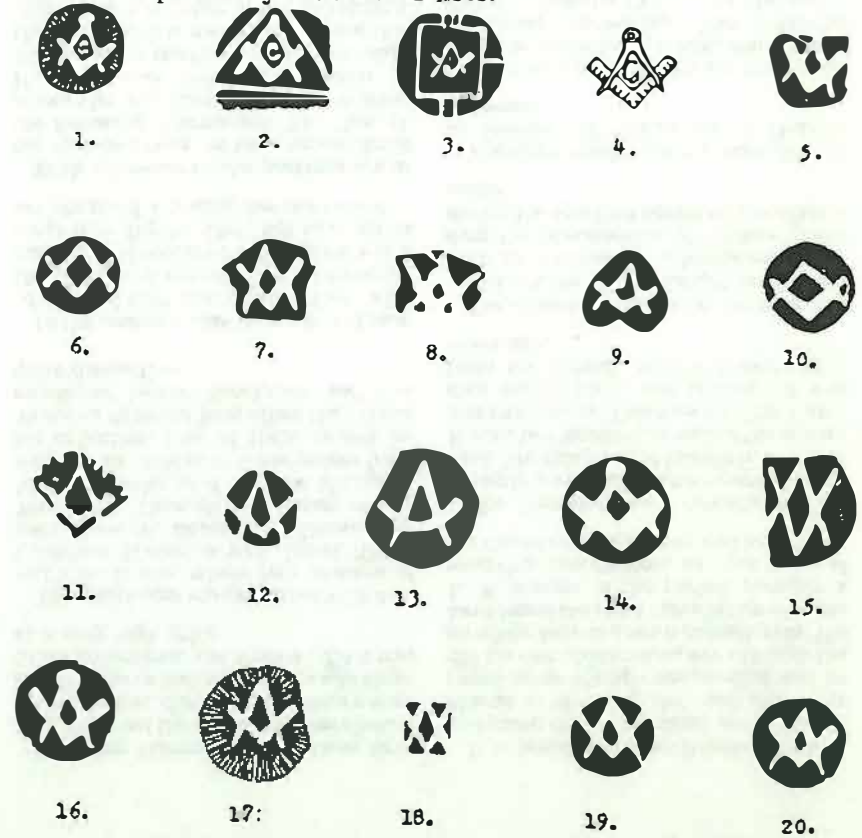


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151	148	20.7x19.8	175	O36	15.0x13.2
152	152	9.1x9.8	176	O79	14.8x18.2
153	158	20.8x19.5	177	O89	20.7x21.2
154	158	17.5x20.6	178	114	16.3x16.0

Masonic Cancellations 'Off Cover'

By Bro. S. Duffield Swan

The most common occurrence of Masonic Cancellations is "Off Cover." We here offer a number of this type which have come to our attention, and we cannot connect with any Post Office, as we have never seen them on cover. They also are not in any of the presently illustrated lists.



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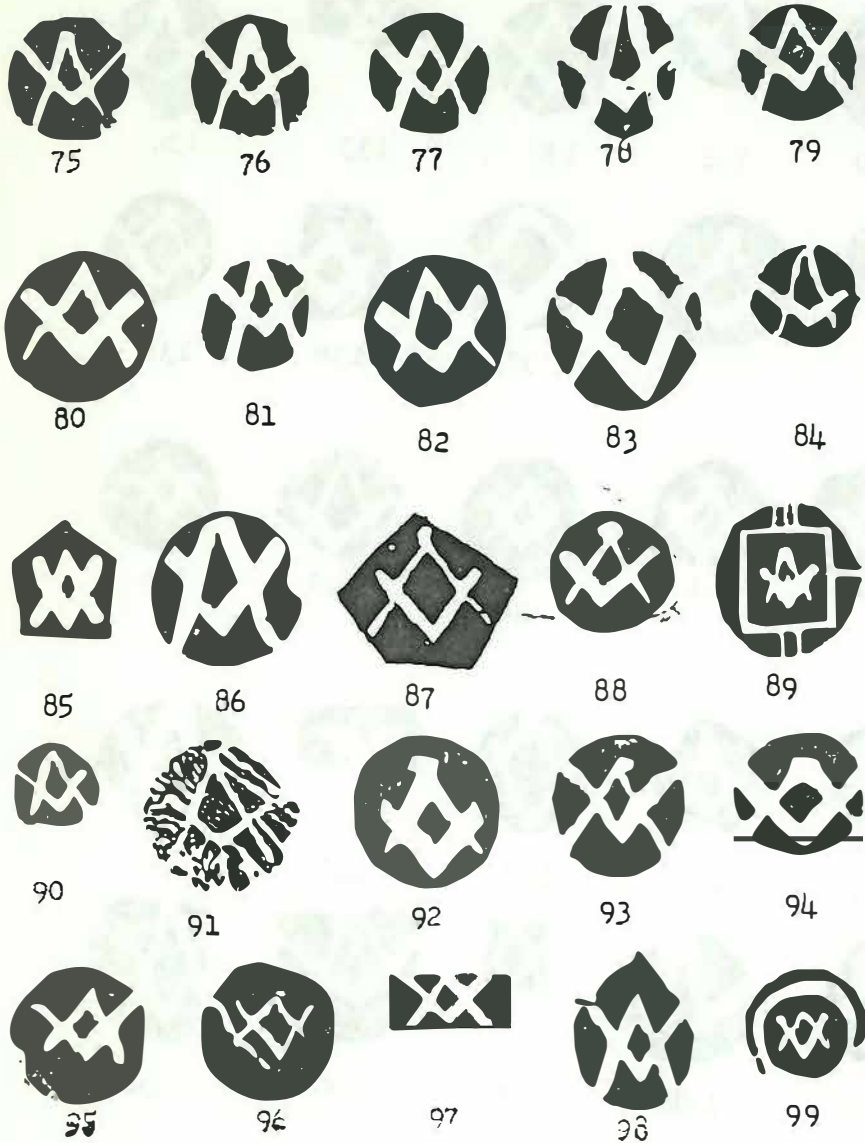


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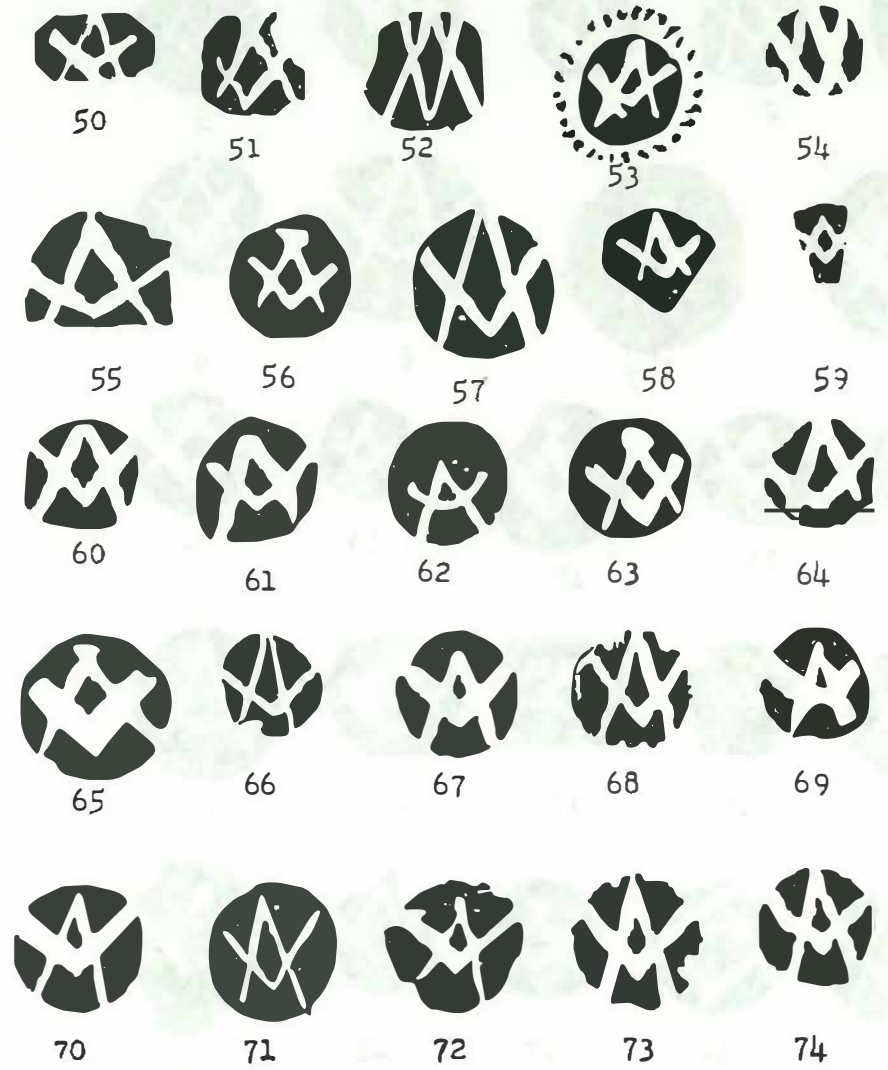


The following is the conclusion of what I have classified as Class III Masonic cancellations. The number in the first column refers to the number under the diagram of the cancellations on the following pages:

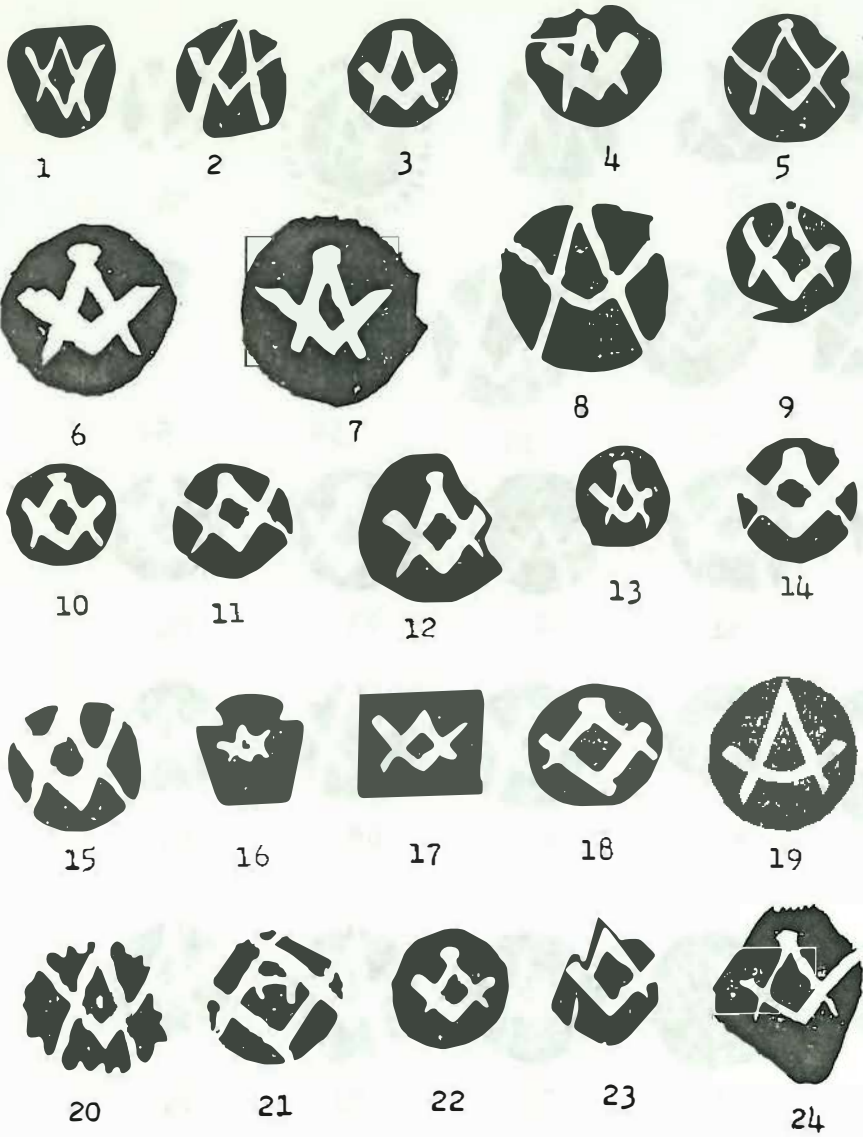
	Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason
100	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	94	18.4x23.0	Benji. F. Judson	M
101	Sharon, Pa.	(1928) 27.4x29.7	27.4x29.7	(Paul Wentz, a collector)	M
102	Shorham, Vt.	65	17.3x14.8	Geo. L. Deming	
103	Smith Road, O	65	23.2x23.2		
104	Stroudsburg, Pa.	114	16.0x16.8	Michael M. Burnett	
105	Stuart, Iowa	145	19.6x18.4	H. C. Trout	
106	Temperanceville, Va.	65	24.0x23.5	Wm. J. Bayley	
107	Vermont, Ill.	114	18.6x18	John H. Hunter	
108	Washington, N. J.	94	20.8x21.8	Jeremiah Kaefer	
109	Watertown, Mass.	114	20.4x9.5	Archibald McMaster	
110	Welch Run, Pa.	65	21.5x21.5		
111	Wentworth, N. H.	114	18.0x17.5	Albert S. Hammond	
112	West Brookfield, Mass.	114	16.4x16.2	Ezra Hutchins Blair	
113	West Chelmsford, Mass.	114	19.1x19.9	Christopher Roby	
114	Westchester, Pa.	114	23.0x21.3	Wm. B. Darlington	
115	Westford, Mass.	114	19.1x16.9	John B. Fletcher	
116	Whitehall, N. Y.	114	16.8x17.5	Horatio N. Park	
117	Wolcott, N. Y.	184	17.3x17.3		
118	Young America, Ill.	114	16.8x9.0	John E. Willett	
CANADA					
C4	Simcoe, Ont.	35	19.5x19.5	Henry Mulkins	
C5	Simcoe, Ont.	37	24.5x25.1	Henry Mulkins	
C6	Stayner, Ont.	41	21.1x18.4	Wm. B. Sanders Edgar B. Sanders	M M
C7	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	37	17.5x17.5	A. J. Hood	M
C8	, Canada	37	20.3x20.3	-	
C9	Early UC	-	16.0x15.4		
C10	(Newfoundland)	30	19.5x19.5		
OFF COVER					
	Stamp	Size		Stamp	Size
131	11	15.3x12.6	155	158	17.2x14.8
132	27	16.8x17.0	156	158	14.5x14.5
133	27	17.7x17.4	157	178	15.8x15.0
134	65	17.2x19.7	158	184	18.8x18.5
135	65	14.8x14.8	159	184	25.0x22.3
136	65	20.7x20.0	160	184	19.5x17.8
137	65	19.9x18.9	161	184	19.0x19.0
138	67	13.3x17.8	162	184	18.3x20.0
139	72	16.2x16.2	163	184	19.2x19.2
140	72	18.2x17.2	164	184	20.5x19.2
141	72	17.0x15.7	165	194	18.8x18.x
142	113	18.0x18.0	166	206	17.2x13.3
143	113	19.0x17.6	167	206	15.6x18.2
144	114	17.5x16.8	168	210	17.6x18.2
145	114	16.4x16.4	169	212	16.2x19.7
146	114	17.3x17.3	170	213	17.8x17.8
147	116	17.8x18.5	171	213	18.8x20.5
148	136	17.6x9.2	172	231	13.8x13.8
149	145	23.3x20.5	173	231	15.7x16.0

Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason
50 Little America, Ill.	114	17.5x9.4	John E. Willett	
51 Little Falls, N. Y.	65	15.2x14.6	Wm. Dorr	M
52 Little Falls, N. Y.	65	18.0x17.4	Wm. Dorr	M
53 Little Georgetown, W. Va.	213	22.0x23.7	Eli Fleming	
54 Lone Rock, Wis.	65	14.7x13.3		
55 Louisville, Ky.	65	21.7x16.1	John J. Speed	
56 Louisville, KY	65	17.8x17.8	John J. Speed	
57 Lyme, Conn.	158	20.8x21.7	Hiram Beckwith	M
58 McConnellsville, Vt.	147	17.2x15.5		
59 McMinnsville Tenn.	145	8.3x11.5	Richard Kennedy	
60 Middlebury, Vt.	145	16.6x15.8	John Cobb	M
61 Middlebury, Vt.	147	18.0x18.0	John Cobb	M
62 Middleville, Mich.	65	17.8x17.8	John F. Emory	
63 Mobile, Ala.	65	17.5x18.0	Byron R. Pierce	
64 Mt. Pleasant, Ia.	114	16.2x15.6	Jas. H. White	
65 Mt. Union, pa.	184	22.5x21.6	Thos. A. Appleby	
66 Mystic Bridge, Conn.	114	14.4x15.2	John A. Rathbun	
67 Nashua, N. H.	65	18.0x18.0	Geo. W. Swain	M
68 Nashua, N. H.	65	17.5x17.5	Geo. W. Swain	M
69 Nashua, N. H.	65	16.3x16.5	Geo. W. Swain	M
70 Nashua, N. H.	65	19.1x18.2	Geo. W. Swain	M
71 Nashua, N. H.	88	18.8x19.8	Geo. W. Swain	M
72 Nashua, N. H.	114	20.0x19.0	Geo. W. Swain	M
73 Nashua, N. H.	114	19.3x19.0	Geo. W. Swain	M
74 Nashua, N. H.	114	16.8x16.3	Geo. W. Swain	M
75 Nashua, N. H.	114	18.0x18.0	Geo. W. Swain	M
76 Nashua, N. H.	114	17.5x17.5	Geo. W. Swain	M
77 Nashua, N. H.	114	17.8x17.8	Geo. W. Swain	M
78 New Orleans, La.	65	17.6x19.3	Chas. W. Lowell	
79 New Orleans, La.	114	17.7x17.0	Chas. W. Lowell	
80 New Orelans, Oa.	114	22.2x22.2	Chas. W. Lowell	
81 Newport, Tenn.	27	15.5x16.4	David Stewart	M
82 Newton, Kan.	188	21.2x22.4	Alvarado C. Frederick	
83 New York, N. Y.	65	23.3x23.3		
84 N.Y.C - R.P.O.	114	16.0x15.0		
85 North Conway, N. H.	65	15.5x17.5	Durgin Eastman	M
86 Norwich, Conn.	27	22.5x22.5	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M
87 Old Point Comfort, Va.	65	27.0x22.0		
88 Painted Post, N. Y.	114	18.8x18.0	Henry D. Edwards	M
89 Petersborough, N. Y.	158	28.0x22.0	John R. Miller	
90 Port Huron, Mich.	147	13.0x12.5	Wm. Hartsuff	
91 Richwood, O.	210	23.7x22.0		
92 Reliance, O.	65	22.0x23.0		
93 Rochester, N. H.	114	20.0x21.5	Geo. B. Roberts	
94 St. Joseph, Mich.	65	19.4x18.6	Henry W. Gustin	
95 St. Paul, Minn.	147	20.2x20.2	Joseph Wheelock	
96 St. Paul, Minn.	147	19.8x20.3	Joseph Wheelock	
97 Salem, Mass.	158	18.1x13.0	Geo. H. Pierson	M
98 Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	114	23.7x23.7	Benj. F. Judson	M
99 Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	145	18.5x16.3	Benj. F. Judson	M

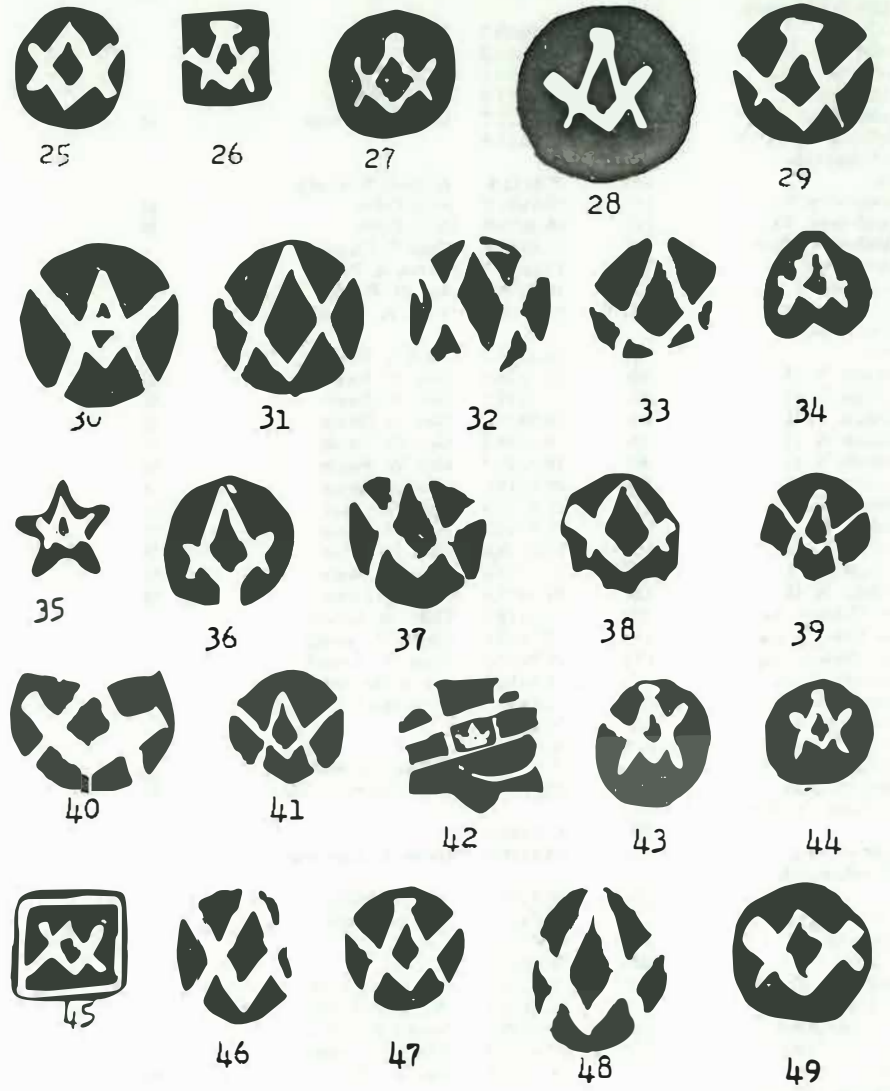
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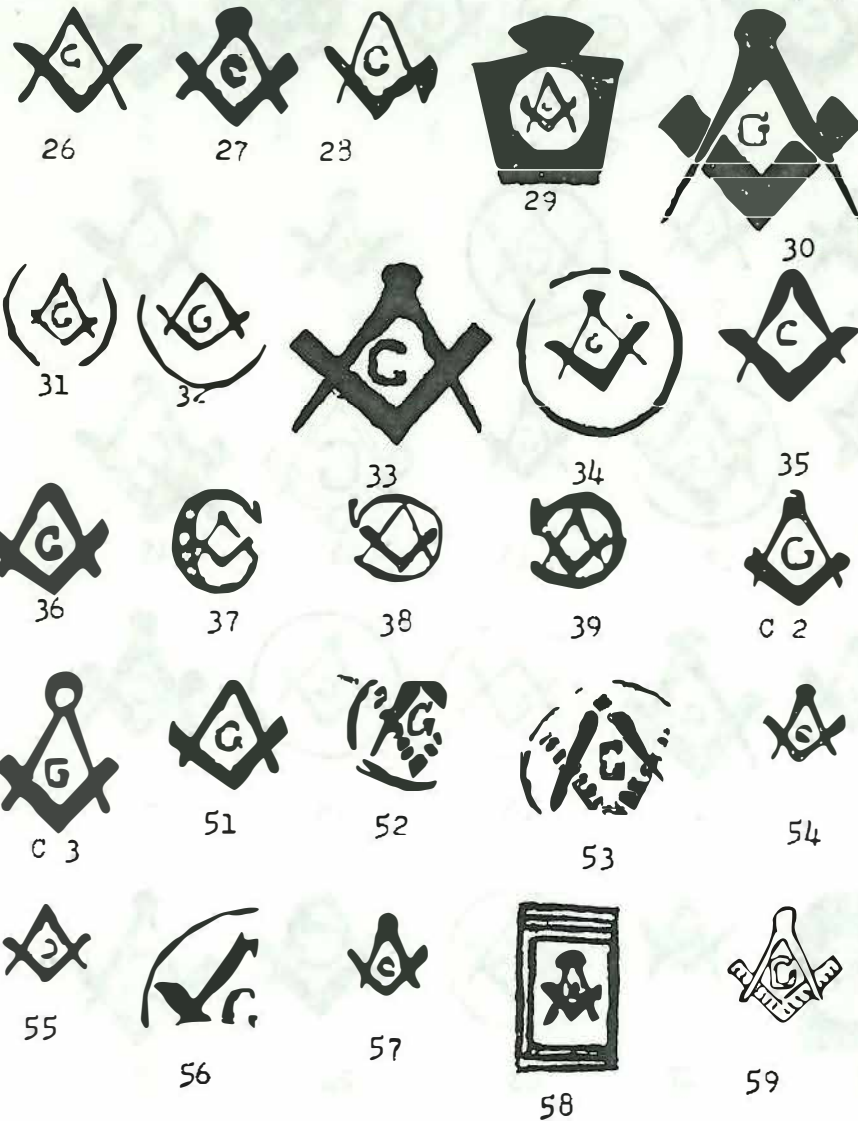
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CLASS II



I will now review what I have classified as Class III Masonic cancellations. Again, I am listing various post offices, postmasters, and measurement of the cancellations. An "M" following the postmaster's name indicates that he was a member of our fraternity.

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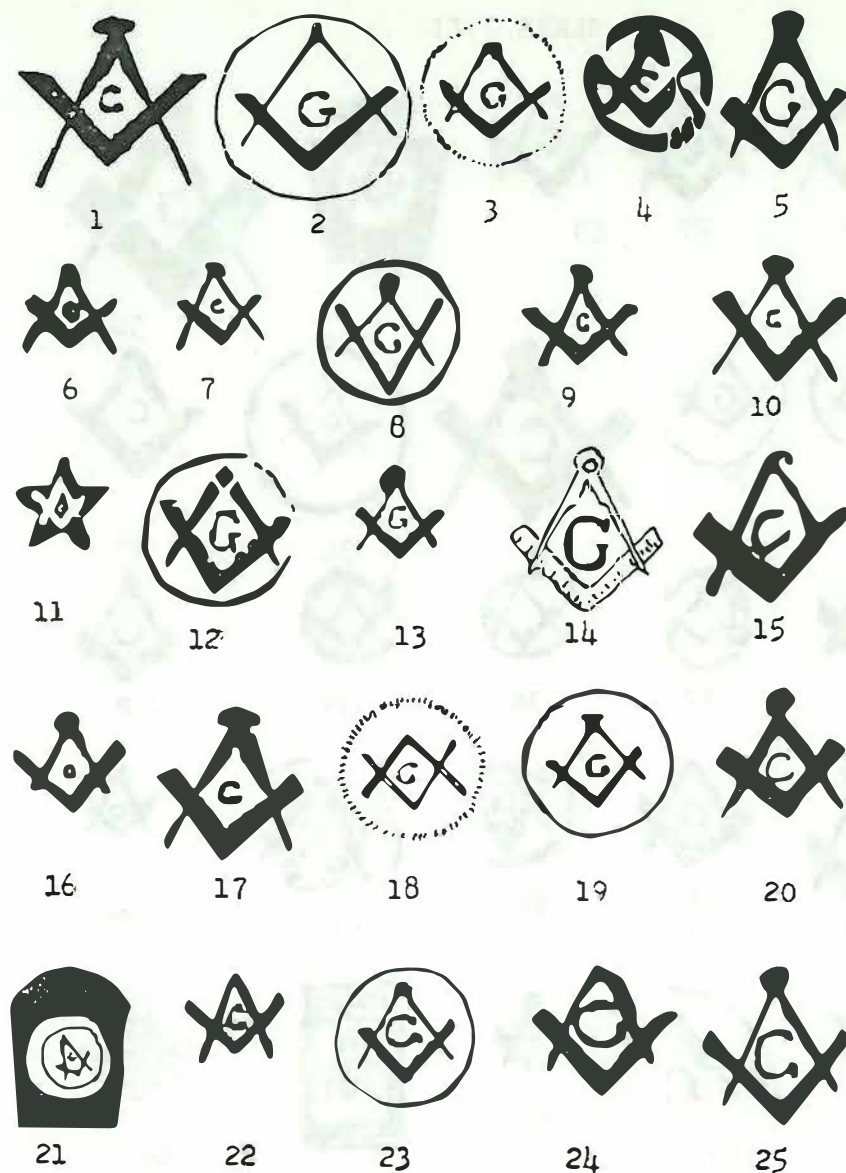
	Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason
1	Abington, Pa.	114	16.0x16.0	Henry Vasey	
2	Allegheny, Pa.	207	16.5x17.0	John A. Huyler	
3	Alliance, Ohio	65	16.3x16.3	Humphrey Hoover	M
4	Alliance, Ohio	65	20.3x17.5	Humphrey Hoover	M
5	Amenia, N. Y.	U59	18.5x19.0		
6	Atlanta, Ga.	212	26.7x25.6	Wm. T. B. Wilson	
7	Atlanta, Ga.	212	27.5x27.5	Wm. T. B. Wilson	
8	Audenreid, Pa.	U34	25.0x25.0	Mary E. Lazarus	
9	Augusta, Ga.	153	18.7x18.0	Foster Blodgett	
10	Augusta, Me.	135	16.0x14.8	Horace H. Hamlin	
11	Baltimore, Md.	113	17.8x17.0	Andrew W. Denison	
12	Bango, Wis.	212	21.3x22.0	John S. Houser	
13	Barnstead, N. H.	114	14.2x14.7	Cyrus Blanchard	
14	Belfast, Me.	114	17.5x17.5	Samuel G. Thurlow	
15	Bethel, Me.	UX1	20.0x19.0	Samuel R. Shehan	
16	Bellefonte, Pa.	114	16.0x16.6	John F. Johnston	
17	Billings & Helena R.P.O.	212	18.5x15.8		
18	Boston, Mass.	65	20.0x18.4	Wm. Lathrop Burt	
19	Boston, Mass.	114	22.5x22.8	Wm. Lathrop Burt	
20	Bridgewater, Mass.	83	19.4x19.1	Lewis Holmes	
21	Brookline, Mass.	88	19.8x19.3	Cyrus W. Ruggles	
22	Brookville, Pa.	65	18.2x18.4	Barton F. Hastings	
23	Brunswick, Me.	153	16.4x18.7	Feor C. Crawford	M
24	Cannan, Me.	65	20.3x25.5		
25	Canon City, Colo.	184	16.4x18.0	Capt. B. F. Rockafellow	
26	Canton, Ohio	147	13.1x14.1	Henry D. Shaffer	
27	Center White Creek N. Y.	146	18.7x18.7		
28	Chariton, Iowa	153	26.7x26.2	Albert W. McCormick	M
29	Chicopee, Mass.	27	20.7x20.5	Capt. Andrew S. Hunter	M
30	Chicopee, Mass.	65	23.6x23.6	Capt. Andrew S. Hunter	M
31	Chicopee Falls, Mass.	63	22.7x22.7		
32	Cleveland, Ohio	207	20.5x20.5	Thos. Jones, Jr.	
33	Columbus, Ohio	145	18.2x18.2	James M. Comly	
34	Concord, N. H.	65	16.0x16.0	Moses T. Willard	
35	Conway, N. H.	184	14.0x14.0	Christopher W. Wilder	
36	Cunningham, Pa.	147	18.7x18.7	Wm. Sedgwick	
37	Dayton, Ohio	158	20.5x19.6	Fielding Lowry	
38	Denver, Colo.	184	17.4x17.4	Edw. C. Sumner	
39	Derby, Conn.	114	16.4x15.8	Robert C. Naramore	
40	East Nantmeal Pa.	U228	24.8x18.3	Annie M. Stringle	
41	East Woodstock, Vt.	114	17.3x17.3		
42	Fairport, N. Y.	114	20.5x20.5	Mortimer R. Wilcox	
43	Frankfort Springs, Pa.	114	17.0x19.4	James McCutchen	
44	Franklin, Ind.	114	16.1x15.7	Ephraim Jeffry	
45	Greenwood Depot, Va.	65	17.0x16.4	Lucy A. Bruce	
46	Grinnell, Iowa	156	16.8x19.5	Wm. S. Leisure	
47	Hailey, Idaho	208	17.5x17.5	Henry Bews	M
48	Holly Springs, Miss.	184	19.4x24.2	Solomon Baer	
49	Jeffersonville, Ind.	65	20.5x20.0	Wm. A. Ingrapham	M

Following are examples of the Class II cancellations, along with list indicating the post office that used the cancellation, the size, postmaster and whether he was a Mason or no.

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	Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason
1	Alletstown, Mich.	184	27.5x25.0	John W. Haye	
2	Bangor, Wis.	65	29.0x27.0	John S. Houser	
3	Blairtowns, N. J.	184	21.6x21.6	James D. Vail	
4	Branford, Conn.	65	19.5x19.5		
5	Cadiz, N. Y.	114	18.8x22.3	LeRoy Burlingame	
6	Cambridge, N. Y.	65	13.6x13.4	Ezra Smith	
7	Cambridge, N. Y.	65	13.0x12.2	Ezra Smith	
8	Charlestown, N. H.	65	21.4x21.4	Charles C. Kimball	M
9	Chelsea, Vt.	114	22.0x15.0	John B. Bacon	
10	Columbus, Ky.	65	20.5x18.8	James M. Moore	
11	Conway, N. H.	184	14.0x13.5	Christopher W. Wildner	
12	Danville, Va.	65	22.4x22.4		
13	East Eddington, Me.	65	13.3x13.7	William H. Johnson	
14	Ed. Ky.	(1930)	22.4x24.5		
15	Hartford, Conn.	69	23.5x22.3	Edward S. Cleveland	
16	Haverhill, Mass.	136	16.8x15.0	David Boynton	M
17	Holderness, N. H.	65	21.8x21.4	Edward F. Smyth	
18	Kinsbury, Ind.	117	21.8x22.4	Lorenzo D. Brand	
19	Kopperl, Texas	184	22.5x21.5	Rice Maxey	
20	Northeast, Pa.	U83	19.0x19.0	William Jones	
21	Pacolet Mills, S. C.	(1930)	18.0x23.8	Jesse J. Glass (not a Mason)	
22	Peterborough, N. H.	114	14.8x12.8	John R. Miller	
23	Pomfret, Conn.	65	20.6x20.6	Thos. W. Williams	
24	Quincy, Mass.	65	21.5x19.0	John B. Bass	M
25	Quincy, Mass.	65	22.3x22.8	John B. Bass	M
26	Quincy, Mass.	65	21.4x15.0	John B. Bass	M
27	Richmond, Va.	65	18.0x17.5	Alexander Sharp	
28	Rockaway, N. J.	65	16.8x16.0	Henry Dalrymplettuttle	M
29	Scranton, Pa.	184	22.7x24.6	Joseph A. Scranton	
30	Sharon, Pa.	(1928)	29.5x32.5	(Paul Wentz - a collector)	M
31	Shoreham, Vt.	65	16.8x15.8	Geo. L. Deming	
32	Shoreham, Vt.	65	19.7x17.2	Geo. L. Deming	
33	Springfield, Mass.	65	30.0x26.3	William Stowe	
34	Syracuse, N. Y.	147	14.5x14.5	Austin C. Chase	M
35	Topsham, Me.	147	21.0x19.5	Robert P. Whitney	
36	West Bloomfield, N. Y.	65	17.0x16.5	Chas. M. Hendre	
37	Willistown, Vt.	65	14.0x13.0	Truman A. Chittenden	M
38	Willistown, Vt.	158	14.6x13.0	Truman A. Chittenden	M
39	Willistown, Vt.	158	14.2x14.2	Truman A. Chittenden	M
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C2	Brockville, Ont.	35	16.5x17.3	John Crawford	
C3	Preston, Ont.	37	18.5x14.1	Conrad Nispel	
OFF COVER					
51		65	17.8x16.0		
52		65	14.4x16.5		
53		65	21.3x19.7		
54		72	11.8x12.0		
55		73	12.5x11.2		
56		73	12.3x12.0		
57		206	12.0x12.0		
58		210	15.5x24.8		
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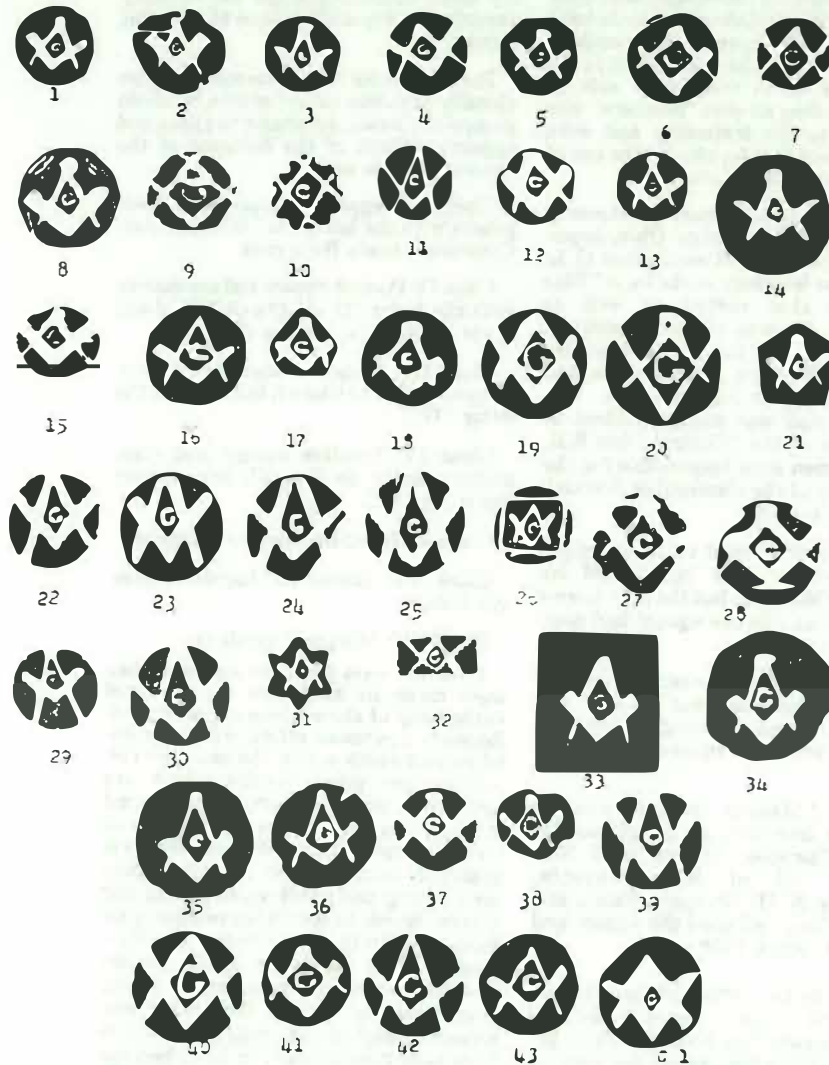


Canadian Masonic cancellations are included in our illustrations and charts. They will be identified with a letter "C" before the number. They are numbered in succession according to their appearance in our classification.


















The compilation which follows has been attained with the assistance of many brothers. The collections included are Sidney Barrett's and Charels Gramm's, which have been dissipated by auctions.

	Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason
1.	Adrian, Mich.	184-212	17.0x17.0	Jerome H. Fee	
2.	Ashland, O.	65	20.8x18.8	A. G. Beer	
3.	August, Me.	185	18.8x16.5	Horace H. Hamlin	
4.	Baltimore, Md.	65	17.7x17.7	Andrew W. Denison	
5.	Boonton, N. J.	156	16.8x16.6	Esli B. Dawson	
6.	Boston, Mass.	65	19.6x19.6	W. Lathrop Burt	
7.	Boston, Mass.	114	16.3x15.8	W. Lathrop Burt	
8.	Brattleboro, Vt.	65	22.0x22.0	Daniel Kellogg, Sr.	M
9.	Brookline, Mass.	88	19.6x17.4	Cyrus W. Ruggles	
10.	Canton, Mass.	65	16.2x16.2	Rufus C. Wood	
11.	Clyde, O.	65	16.2x16.2	Zelots Perrin	
12.	Denmark, Me.	65	16.6x16.6	Joseph Bennett	M
13.	Dunkirk, N. Y.	145	16.0x15.5	Lee L. Hyde	
14.	Elmer, N. J.	210	25.4x26.0	Mrs. Eliza Smith	
15.	Forest, N. Y.	216	17.8x15.5		
16.	Greenfield, Mass.	65	21.5x21.5	Lewis Merriam	M
17.	Middlebury, Vt.	65	14.8x14.8	John Cobb	M
18.	New Milford, Conn.	158	21.0x21.0		
19.	New York, N. Y.	65	23.0x23.0		
20.	New York, N. Y.	65	25.5x26.0		
21.	North Conway, N. H.	65	17.6x17.6	Durgin Eastman	M
22.	Norwich, Conn.	27	22.3x23.2	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M
23.	Norwich, Conn.	27	19.8x19.8	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M
24.	Norwich, Conn.	27	22.5x21.5	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M
25.	Palmyra, N. Y.	158	21.4x22.7	Edward S. Averill	M
26.	Putney, Vt.	65	17.0x17.0	Alexis B. Hewitt	
27.	Quincy, Mass.	65	20.7x21.7	John B. Bass	M
28.	Quincy, Mass.	65	21.7x22.5	John B. Bass	M
29.	Reading, Pa.	65	18.2x17.7	Wm. Brinner	
30.	Richmond, Va.	65	20.5x21.7	Alexander Sharp	
31.	Rosrand, Vt.	65	15.0x15.8	John B. Kilburn	M
32.	Salem, Mass.	158	17.5x8.0	Geo. H. Pierson	M
33.	Sharon, Pa.	(1928)	26.5x30.0	(Paul Wentz — a collector)	M
34.	Sharon, Pa.	(1928)	27.7x26.6	(Paul Wentz)	M
35.	Sharon, Pa.	(1928)	26.4x26.4	(Paul Wentz)	M
36.	Shenandoah, Va.	114	23.3x23.3	James W. Rodgers	
37.	Sherman, N. Y.	185	18.2x18.0	John C. Page	
38.	South Wilbraham, Mass.	65	17.5x15.6	Horton S. Hendrick	
39.	Springfield, Mass.	94	21.8x21.5	Wm. Stowe	
40.	Tamworth, N. H.	147	24.0x24.0	Mary J. Gilman	
41.	Washington, Conn.	65	20.0x20.0	Erastus J. Hurlburt	
42.	Washington, N. J.	88	21.2x21.2	Jeremiah Kesfer	
43.	Wells River, Vt.	114	21.4x21.4	Franklin Deming	
C1	Simon, Ont.	37	22.3x23.8	Henry Mulkins	

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- Notes: 1. Only nineteenth century cancellations are illustrated.
 2. Normal cancellation is in black, but examples are known in red, blue, green and purple.
 3. True Masonic Cancels of the Square and Compass Type should have the right (90°) angle.

TYPE	EXAMPLE	CHARACTERISTICS	TYPE	EXAMPLE	CHARACTERISTICS
			11		SEEING EYE ALL DESIGNS
2		POSITIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS. WITHOUT G	12		ROD WITH OR WITH DOTS. ALL DESIGNS
3		NEGATIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS. WITH G	13		G ALL DESIGNS
4		POSITIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS. WITH G	14		OPEN BOOK FLUID AND LEVEL DOTS ETC.
5		NEGATIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS WITHOUT G. ENCLOSED IN GEOMETRIC DESIGN.	15		CROSS ALL DESIGNS
6		POSITIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS WITHOUT G. ENCLOSED IN GEOMETRIC DESIGN.	16		SOLOMON'S SEAL OR STAR OF DAVID DESIGNS
7		NEGATIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS WITH G. ENCLOSED IN GEOMETRIC DESIGN.	17		CANADIAN ALL DESIGNS
8		POSITIVE SQUARE AND COMPASS WITH G. ENCLOSED IN GEOMETRIC DESIGN	18		MASONIC SIGNIFICANCE TRIANGLE-STAR AND CRESCENT-MALTESE CROSS.
9		KEYSTONE ALL DESIGNS	19		ALLIED MASONIC MATERIAL CORNER CARD POST CARD ETC.

ANYTHING NOT

üzerinde kullanış ve özel damga ile postadan geçirtmişti. Bu suretle zarflar hem filatelik hem de Masonik bir belge niteliğini kazanmıştı.

Filatelide bugüne kadar yurtdışına aldıklarımız dışında bir pul çıkartıldığı ya da bir özel damga kullanıldığı bilinmemektedir.

Filatelide kullanılan Masonik işaretlerle ilgili olarak aşağı-

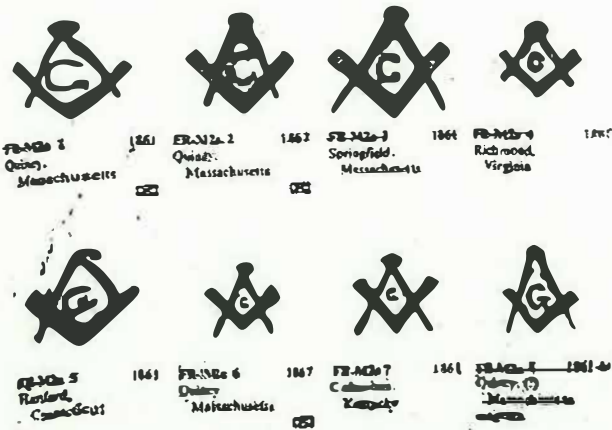
lunuyoruz. ~~Herman Barst~~ birader özellikle, «Postada kullanılan masonik işaretli Posta damgalarını» toplamaktadır. Bu konu ile ilgili çok ilginç ve değerli bir koleksiyon geliştirmiştir. Kendisi zaman zaman davet edildiği localarda konu ile ilgili olarak görünümlü bir takım konferanslar vermektedir.

litik yönü simgeleyen işaretleri taşırmış ama üzerinde, çiçek, çeşitli hayvan çaydanlık gibi eşya şekillerinden oluşanları da varmış.

İşte bu devirde Amerikanın çeşitli eyaletlerinin çeşitli kasabalarında bugüne kadar bilinen yüz'den fazla Masonik

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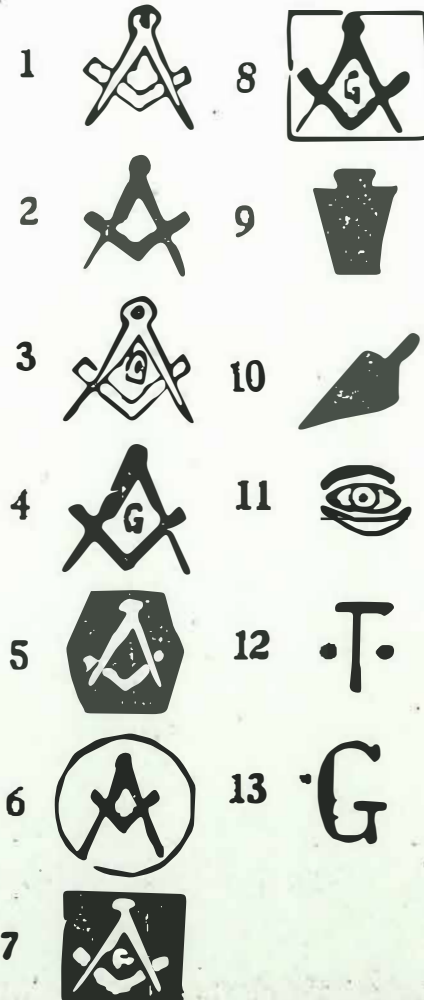
Bu mühürlerin Amerikanın hangi eyaletinin hangi kasabasında, hangi tarihlerde kullanıldığına saptanması filatelik açıdan önem taşımakla birlikte; ayrıca o mühürleri kazı-tıp postada kullanan kişilerin



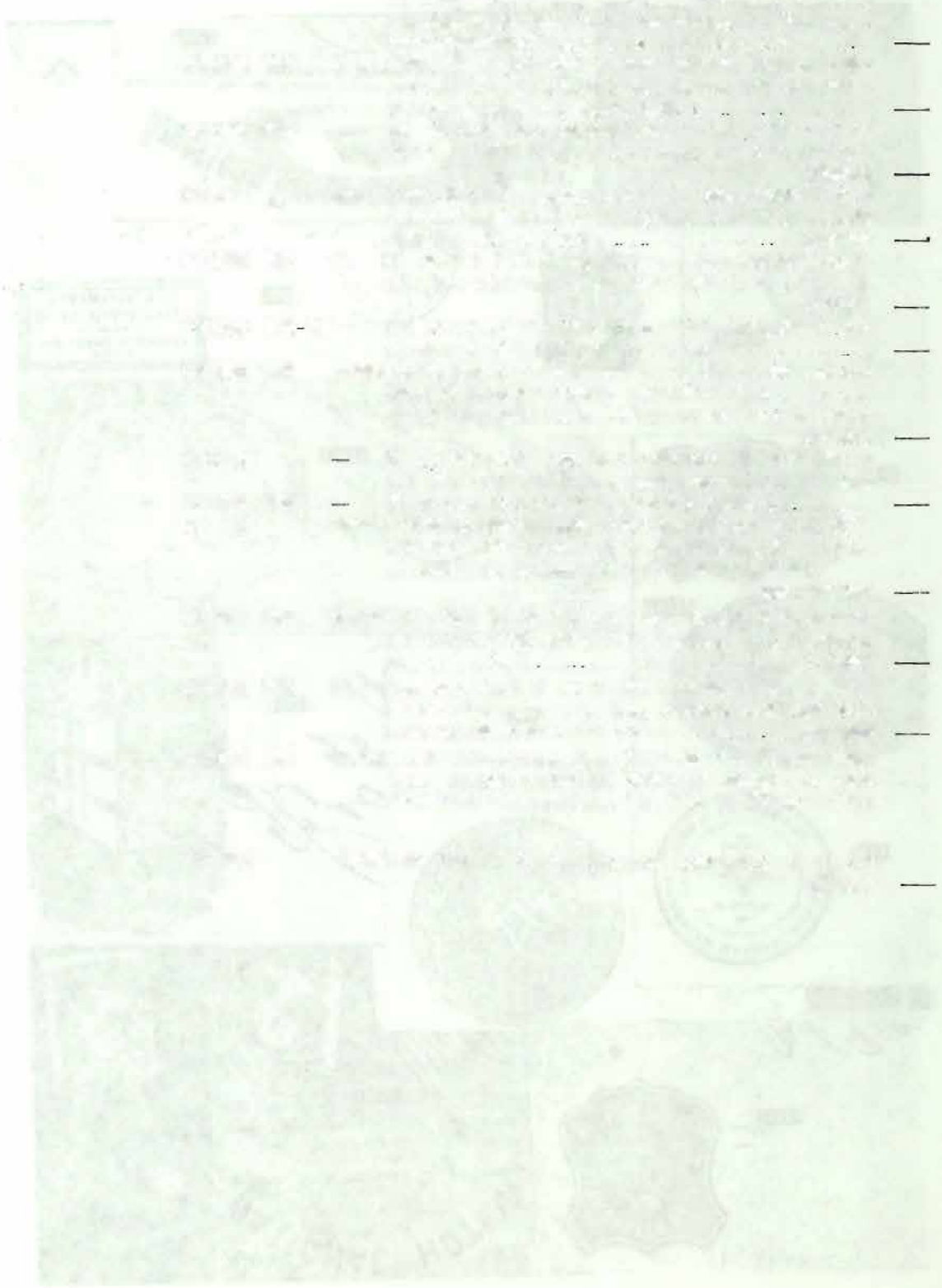
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üzere kullanacakları mühürleri kendi paraları ile yaptırılmış. Eğer çevrelerinde bu işi yapacak uzman kişiler bulamazlarsa; sert bir tahta parçası üzerine, çakı, bıçak, çatal ellerine de geçerse onunla, ~~serikete ya da edifiye mühürler~~ kazırlar. Bu mühürler genellikle kişinin tuttuğu po-



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MASONIC CONSTITUTION

BY DR. J. T. B. SWAN

The Masonic Constitution is a document of great importance to the members of the Order. It sets forth the principles and rules which govern the conduct of the Order and its members. It is a document which has been the subject of much discussion and controversy, and it is one which should be read and understood by every member of the Order.

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HERMAN HERST, JR.

To Portland, Oregon we must travel to record the early life of our honored guest, Bro. Hermon "Pot" Herst, Jr. There he received his schooling and literary training as a reporter for the Morning Oregonian, while attending Reed College for his Bachelor of Arts Degree and later earned his Masters Degree at the University of Oregon.

Moving to New York he worked in Wall Street during the Great Depression and earning an extra livelihood as a part-time stamp dealer. In 1937, he opened a stamp shop in Nassau Street and with the help of his wife, Ingeborg, whom he had just married that year, settled down to raise a family. Patricia, now 29, and Kenneth, 26. The death of his wife in 1954 was a deep loss to the Herst family and to their many friends in the stamp world.

Hermon Herst, Jr., remarried in 1956 to Mrs. Ido Siegel with two children, twins, Gail and Gory, now 29. Having previously moved to Shrub Oak in 1946, he had now established himself as a full time auctioneer. Through the years, his famous house publication, "Herst's Outbursts", has become a source of philatelic lore, humor and wisdom, plus the many unusual offerings of stamp merchandise.

His contributions to philately earned for him the coveted "Luff Award", and the "New Haven Award". His book, "Nassau Street, Fun and Profit in Stamp Collecting", and his latest, "Stories to Collect Stamps By", has given Brother Herst international fame, even in the non-philatelic world. As co-author of Sompsons "Fancy Cancels on 19th Century Stamps" "Postal Stationery of British North America", and "A. M. G. Stamps of Germany", plus his stamp columns in many magazines and newspapers, his vast number of philatelic contributions to every stamp publication has made him a most sought after personality to address clubs, conventions and public events.

As a community leader, a Kiwonian, Founder and Trustee of Temple Beth-El of Northern Westchester, member of Yorktown Park Board, Brother Herst is being honored this year by the United Jewish Appeal.

His Masonic background, a third generation Mason, Bro. Herst was raised in Mount Nebah Lodge, No. 257, in 1945. He received his 32nd Degree in Scottish Rite as a Shriner - Mecca Temple. His grandfather was raised in Holland Lodge, N. Y. in 1854. Bro. Herst has furnished many articles for the Empire State Mason and as the honored member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, has contributed articles to the Masonic Philatelist and has spoken many times on his collections of Balloon Posts of France, 1870, which is outstanding, Prisoner-of-war covers of World War 1 and 2, all of which keeps up his philatelic interests. His love for stamps is shown in his sign-board at Shrub Oak, with the picture of the "Olive Blossom" 1906 stamp of Barbados.

We hail and salute Bro. Hermon "Pot" Herst, Jr., and to his charming wife, Ido, for a long and happy life with their wonderful family.

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ON THE COVER

Masonic Cancellations' has been an ongoing topic of our MASONIC PHILATELIST for many years.

The Milton Greenbaum collection included the Masonic cover featured on the cover of this issue which was sold at Southby Parke Bernet Stamp Auction Inc. on October 30, 1979 for \$3,250.00

The Sidney F. Barrett collection of Masonic cancellations and allied material, such as corner cards, etc. was sold at auction in February 1953 and did much to focus the interest of postal historians on this facet of philately.

The subject has created many requests for back numbers of the MASONIC PHILATELIST on this subject which are now out-of-print. We have consolidated and updated some of the past articles and include them in this issue for our members.

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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

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Masonic Cancellations

Dr. S. Duffield Swan

At the time of the Civil War, Masonry became an important feature of the social and political life in the U. S. This is evidenced by the tremendous number of new lodges formed. It is also well depicted in the many Masonic Cancellations found in the ten year period following the close of hostilities.

There were about 40,000 post offices under the postmaster generals control in this period. Instructions were that the postage stamps must be canceled so that they could not be "reused." This was due to the fact that some of the inks used in that day could be "washed off" and although the common stamp was only 3¢, many saw their way into service a second and third time. This brought into use an "obliterating canceler."

For the many who are unaware of the nature of a canceller, the following is a description of one type that became common due to the official order on cancellations.

It consisted of a holder, termed "hammer" that had a general shape similar to a hammer-type gavel. The head was cylindrical, 3 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches and the handle was 9 inches long. It was made of hardwood. Each end was hollowed out with a tapering opening of one-inch diameter. In one end was fitted a "slug" usually of metal with the town and state name and in some was an opening in the middle to put the date. In the other end was fitted any obliterating device desired. This is where the Masonic or other fancy cancelers were placed. The sale of these hammers and cancelers became quite a business. The salesman had a considerable supply of these hammers and crude representative of the single-headed ones found in the post offices today, which they carried from town to town making direct sales. However most of these hammers contained metal cancelers and did not include fraternal insignia. The artistic and enthusiastic fraternal man substituted and hand-carved head containing some emblem of importance to

him. A few made metal heads, others hardwood, (from broom handles) but the most prevalent were carved from cork.

I have seen many other cancelers, mostly single-headed ones, but all with the hollowed out head, tapering for easy fitting. Some were even square or oblong in shape.

Accumulating data concerning the Masonic Cancellations used in the early postage stamp days, has brought many interesting facts to light, which give us some idea of the nature of the individuals who devised the cancelers. Many of the postmasters who were responsible for these cancellations were in small villages where they were the only postal employee and frequently they combined a general store with the post office.

We find one such in Putney, Vt., where Alexis B. Hewitt operated a general store and was postmaster from 1862 to 1882.

Another interesting report showed George S. Silsby as postmaster of Winterport, Me. A local history reports him as "a very religious man, a good dresser who sang in the choir of the Congregational Church."

In Douglas, Kansas, J. B. Ives was a school teacher, "an excellent, artistic penman," — samples of his records are still held for their beauty.

William B. Darlington of Westchester, Pa. was a Major in the Civil War who lost a leg in the battle of the Wilderness. "He was known for his whittlings," — (wood carvings).

At Painted Post, N.Y., Henry D. Edwards, according to a local history was "a dealer in and repair of watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., also engraving."

W. S. Miller, the postmaster of Ludlow, Mass. claimed his masonic connections in Chicopee, Mass. He probably was inspired to produce a masonic canceller by Capt. Andrew S. Hunter, postmaster of

May 1962 articles, but no tracing was then available. This is also true of the Toronto cancel shown in the chart, which we present now as #10, together with information on the Postmaster's Masonic connection.

Christian Kumpf (a clerk) was initiated a member of Blenheim Lodge #108, Princeton, and later became a charter member of Grand River Lodge #151 in Kitchener.

The Postmaster of Toronto, Thomas Patterson (a clerk) was initiated a member of Kerr Lodge #230, Barrie. He later affiliated with Stanley Lodge #426, Toronto, as charter member.

Alexander J. Hood, Postmaster at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, likewise was a Mason. He joined Hirma Lodge, now #12, at Yarmouth, prior to 1870, at which time he was of record a Past Master. This information was furnished by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia through out good brother W. A. G. Huxsel.

The Postmaster of Stayner, Edgar B. Sanders (a solicitor) was a member of Norther Light Lodge #226 in Stayner. He was Postmaster from October 1, 1887 to July 5, 1895. His predecessor was Wm. W. B. Sanders, his brother, who also was a member of the Fraternity.

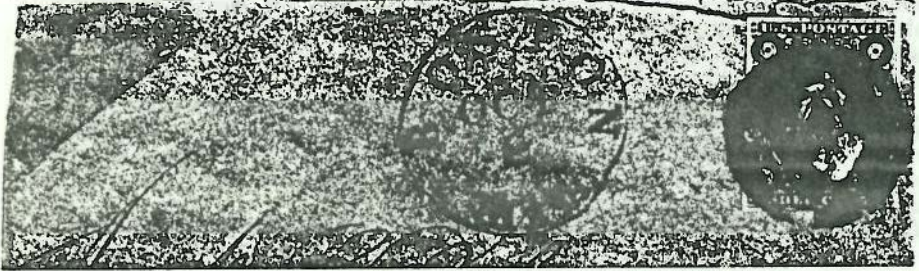
WILLIAM HARGRAVE (Woodstock) was initiated March 13, 1867 in Oxford Lodge No. 76, located in Woodstock. He was deputy postmaster of that town.

The other postmasters mentioned in the preceding article are not Masons of Record, but it is possible that some may have been members of the Craft prior to the formation of Ontario's Grand Lodge and never affiliated with the Lodges of that jurisdiction.

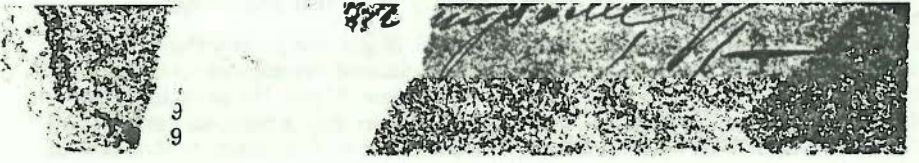
DONALD BRUCE McKINNON (Blyth) was initiated November 16, 1864 in Clinton Lodge No. 84 and became a charter member of Blyth Lodge No. 303. He was its first Junior Warden. (Please note correct town spelling in Blyth, not Blythe.)

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for their splendid cooperation in digging out the details which we are able to report here. Without his help we would have had little information of value.

We also wish to thank John Kitchen, Bro. Robert Thomsen, Bro. J. Ronald McMurrick, Dr. K. M. Day and E. A. Smythies, who have been instrumental in furnishing us with the material illustrated, and Bro. W. A. G. Huxsel who has cooperated in our report.



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